

MISS GLADYS VANDERBILT'S ANCESTRY PUTS COUNT SZECHENYI'S TO SHAME



COUNT LASZLO SZECHENYI.

MISS GLADYS VANDERBILT.

Genealogist Proves That Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt is Related to Emperors, Kings, Princes and Potentates Without Number and That the Count's Family is Cheap and New in Comparison.

It is true that when Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, heiress of more than \$12,000,000 of the Vanderbilt millions, married Count Laszlo Szechenyi, her Austrian nobleman, she will not be recognized at the Austrian court. It is a fact that the Austrian nobility will hold the American beauty even as the wife of the count, as no better than a daughter of one of their own middle class. Must the children of the union remain for sixteen generations outside the eligibility of the nobility, even as the wife of the count, as no better than a daughter of one of their own middle class? Reports from Vienna say yes. Sixteen generations of ancestors of the right sort, it is said, will be necessary before she becomes "hofffähig," or eligible to appear in the Austrian royal society. So far as she herself is concerned, unless the Austrian Emperor condescends to make an exception in her case, she might as well marry a prince of the Fil Islands, for the social notice she will receive. That is what the American nation, through publications of Szechenyi genealogists, have been led to believe. The flattery history of the Szechenyi family has been held up in bright lights. The count has been depicted as a man of blood, an alliance with the American millionaires. He has stepped down from the footstool of the throne to take the hand and fortune of the unstarred Gladys Vanderbilt, American girl. Large amount of ink have been used to show to the world, and especially to Americans, that the proposed marriage of Count Szechenyi and Miss Vanderbilt is all for love. He has been pictured as renouncing a brilliant court future for the sake of his attachment. Although, to date, no remonstrance has been heard from their members of his "illustrious family" to the

match, the impression has been conveyed that Austrians believe Miss Vanderbilt should be greatly affected by the condescension and unselfishness of her future husband. Pride of ancestry has become so dead in the hearts of most Americans that few of them go to the trouble of looking through the past. Three or four generations, perhaps, we know, we rest we are willing to forget. But at least one man has investigated the genealogy of Miss Vanderbilt. He has also run down the lineage of Count Szechenyi. To-day he makes a statement which would seem to shake to some extent the superiority claims so generously advertised by the Austrian genealogists. The man is Charles H. Browning, of Baltimore. He is a digger of genealogical jewels. He has written books on genealogy. For years he has been engaged in supplying "royal Americans" with proofs of their descent, but it was only recently that he sprang into public notice. That was when he won a suit for \$500 against Mrs. Thomasine Digby Woolsey, wife of a prominent New Yorker, for working a hundred days to prove her descent from a king. He found out that she was a lineal descendant of Alfred the Great. Mr. Browning gives the Szechenyi boom a considerable jolt. He shows that Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, in addition to having a line of ancestry which makes the blue Szechenyi blood turn pale. When it comes right down to ancestors, the American girl has a bunch of them which could give the poor little Austrian count cards and spades and then some. In fact, when the count learns of the "house" of Miss Vanderbilt, as compiled by Mr. Browning, it is possible he may fear the handicap under which he will labor in contracting the match. King Edward I of England, is one of the more recent of her forebears. In the line is mingled the blood of Castle, Plantagenet, Barbarossa and long names without number enter into her genealogy. She has so much of royal blood in her veins that the poor count, it is shown, can hardly have more than what was left over after the line of which she is a direct descendant was formed. But of all the statements which he makes, there is one which cannot but make the Szechenyi family grit their teeth in chagrin. He says that centuries ago, when the Szechenyi were unknown, years before they received the royal favor which has made them so "illustrious," an ancestor of Miss Vanderbilt, King Bela, ruled the Hungarian nation, of which the Szechenyi in those days were but an insignificant part—and that some time before another ancestor, King Otto, of the Germans, whipped the nomadic huns, of which the Szechenyi were also a part—and taught them their place in the roll of peoples. Miss Vanderbilt's blue blood comes from her mother, Alice Claypoole (Gryvone), of Philadelphia, who married Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1870. Miss Gladys Vanderbilt is twenty-sixth in lineal descent from the founder of the Hungarian nation, King Bela, and from the German Emperor, Otto the Great, who put a sudden stop to the marauding of the lawless, wild Magyar clan, of which the Szechenyi tribe was a part, on the northern and eastern borders of the Roman empire. It is in lineal descent from the Middle Ages, but as genealogists of the present Szechenyi family have started it and have tried to make plain Armians think them of more "distinguished ancestry" than Miss Gladys or her kin, it was high time to have a show-down of ancestry.

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Vanderbilt Succeeds in Stopping Depradations at Baltimore.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ASHEVILLE, N. C., November 30.—In November of last year, Mr. Vanderbilt, feeling that he was suffering from damage by the Baltimore property killing his valuable game birds, and by fires in the forest reserves, with resultant heavy loss, determined to take a unique and novel proposition to the people of the Upper and Lower Hominy and Avery's Creek townships. Mr. Vanderbilt deposited with one of the Asheville banks \$120, which was to be donated for educational purposes, provided that the people of those townships would co-operate with Mr. Vanderbilt in preventing further depredation and trespass on his property for the period of twelve months. The board of education now reports there have been no fires or serious trespasses on the Baltimore property for the period stipulated, and Mr. Vanderbilt, very much gratified at the result of his experiment, has gladly turned over to the county board of education the \$120 guaranteed, and has again deposited a similar amount, and renewed his offer on the same conditions covering the next twelve months.

DR. COCHRANE CALLED
Invited to Become Pastor of Presbyterian Church at Crewe.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CREWE, VA., November 30.—Dr. T. P. Bpes, of Blacksburg, presided at a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church at Crewe, Sunday afternoon, at which time a call was extended Dr. W. O. Cochrane, of the First Church, Bristol, Tenn. It is hoped he will accept, as the church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. L. E. Scott, in October of last year.

BUENA VISTA MINISTER CALLED TO HENDERSON, N. C.
HENDERSON, N. C., November 30.—The Rev. Flency Shepperson, of the Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., held services in the Presbyterian Church here on last Sabbath, and delivered a most excellent discourse. At the conclusion of the services a church meeting was called for the purpose of selecting a pastor to supply the pulpit made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. H. Hendrille, now of Fredericksburg, Va. The Rev. J. A. McClure, of Buena Vista, Va., was unanimously elected as pastor, and a committee was appointed to notify him of his election.

Boy Breaks His Arm—Lady Drops Dead—Several Weddings.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., November 30.—While practicing with other youths at football here Thursday evening Carey Hopkins, son of J. C. Hopkins, aged fourteen years, fell and broke his left arm. Mrs. Bettie Mason, of Caroline county, while walking from a neighbor's house a few days ago, dropped dead from heart failure. Mrs. Alfred Boychard and Miss Lucy Berry, both of Palmyra, Stafford county, came here last night and were married at the residence in this city of Rev. J. H. Edwards, who performed the ceremony. Mr. J. K. Marks and Mrs. Lou Scott, both of Richmond county, were married Wednesday in that county. Rev. George M. Connelly officiating. Mr. Hugh Johnson, of Norfolk, and Miss Isabelle Mason, daughter of E. W. Mason, of King George county, were married Wednesday at the residence of the bride's relative, Miss Lucy Simpson, at Rockville, Md., by Rev. W. Roy Mason, formerly of King George, Mrs. Theodore Mason was the matron of honor. The couple left for a bridal trip, after which they will reside in Norfolk.

December Weather
Data covering a period of ten years has been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Richmond, and is issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month. Month of December for ten years:
Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 41 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1897, with an average of 45 degrees; the coldest month was that of 1891, with an average of 35 degrees; the highest temperature was 70 degrees on December 15, 1895; the lowest temperature was 4 degrees on December 31, 1895; the earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 12th; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 30; average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 24; the latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 29th.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow)—Average for the month, 2.4 inches; average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 10; the greatest monthly precipitation was 7.1 inches in 1905; the least monthly precipitation was 2.1 inches in 1895; the greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.64 inches on December 20-21, 1905; the greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1845-46 only) was 7.5 inches on December 21, 1895.
Relative Humidity—Average, 8 A. M., 78. Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days, 12.
Winds—The prevailing winds have been from the north; the average hourly velocity of the wind is 6.5 miles; the highest velocity of the wind was 15 miles from the south on December 5, 1899.
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MAY AFFECT TONCHAY MINES.
Louis Straus, Who Committed Suicide, Largely Interested in Them.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHRISTIANBURG, VA., November 30.—Mr. William Spence, material manager of the Tonchay Copper Mines, has been called to New York by the death of Mr. Louis Straus, promoter of the mines. Mr. Straus spent some time in Christiansburg recently, and returned to New York only a few days before he committed suicide, as a result of the disgrace at the disclosure of the forgery of a bill of lading of four cars of ore, shipped presumably from Christiansburg. The mines have been in operation since August, and it is said that a quantity of ore is now ready for shipment, but not a single ounce has been sent from the mines. The reported indebtedness of the firm is \$50,000. A

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED IN THE SEN-JENKINS TRIAL.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CULPEPER, VA., November 30.—The coming trial of William Seal and Fred Jenkins for the murder of William Smith, which has just been set for Monday next, it is now said, will certainly be commenced, and it is predicted that some sensational developments will be shown on the hearing in regard to the mixed domestic relations of the families of both the accused and the slain man. Seal and Jenkins have alternately accused each other of the killing of Smith, and the State has evidence strongly connecting both of them with Smith's murder. The venire has been summoned here for Monday, and from it a jury will be obtained for the trial. Judge Daniel A. Grimley, of this circuit, will preside at the trial. The accused will be defended by counsel already retained.

COUNT SZECHENYI OBJECTS
Miss Vanderbilt's Fiance Tries in Vain to Squeak Darling Photographer.
NEWPORT, R. I., November 30.—A pier in this city was the battle ground for a lively skirmish between Count Szechenyi, fiance of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, and a photographer. The Count, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt had driven to the Wickford boat to go to New York in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, and the camera man had pursued them. Miss Vanderbilt beat a retreat, but the Count stood his ground and said hard things to the boat and the Count and Miss Vanderbilt soon followed. The camera man also joined them and bent on getting good pictures, accompanied them to New York.

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PROPERTY FOR GAS PLANT
Land Owned by Southern Railway Acquired by Condemnation.
Property owned by the Southern Railway, which the city needs for general extension of the gas plant, was assessed yesterday by the Justices Court Commission and valued at \$14,000. A condemnation proceeding could be started City Attorney Ballard said to secure the approval of the State Corporation Commission, having jurisdiction in such matters.
Other land nearby, required for the same purpose, has been secured by the city, the aggregate value being about \$2,000.

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Suffolk Teachers Organize.
SUFFOLK, VA., November 30.—The Suffolk Public School Teachers' Association was organized this week in the principal's room of the High school building. The following were present: David